LOK SABHA

Friday, August 30, 1996/Bhadra 8, 1918 (Saka)
The Lok Sabha met at Eleven of the Clock

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

[English]

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, just not I received a telephone message from Srinagar. A person named Anup Dawn has died there. His brother reached Srinagar. The dead body is lying in a college. There is no doctor in the Hospital to certify that he is dead so that his brother can take the body and the delay will lead to decomposition of the body. After that they will refuse to take the body by air. He also says that unless speedy movement is arranged, both from Srinagar to Delhi and from Delhi to Calcutta, they will not be able to take the body to Calcutta. I want some immediate information to be sent to Srinagar regarding this particular case. There may be many other such cases..... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : We will discuss it after Question Hour.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : He rang me up yesterday night and just now again he contacted me... *(Interrputions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : We will discuss this just after Question Hour. ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : There cannot be any delay. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : This cannot be delayed, Sir. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : One hon. Member at a time. ... *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : I have continuously been receiving Telephones calls and Fax messages from Allahabad that even upto five members of one family are missing. They are trying to get some information but no body is in a position to provide any information either at Allahabad or at Delhi or at Jammu about those persons. I have been receiving Telephone Calls and Fax messages from Patna saying that they are not getting any information from Control Room at Jammu or Srinagar. Our people are held up there since 16th and still their whereabouts are not known. I have to request that a list of persons who died there or were injured should be published and such arrangements may be made that information about them could be obtained through telephones. We do not get any information when we enquire on Telephone. From where we should enquire? The Government should make urgent arrangements in this regard.

Sir, there is no system. Even upto five persons from a single family are missing. Only women are left in the family. All the male members had gone to Amarnath Pilgrimage, but no information about them is available. There women are telephoning me, sending fax messages to me. People are missing the Government should make some immediate arrangements... *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Anyway, we shall do it just after Question-Hour. ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI NIRMAL KANTI CHATTERJEE : No. Sir, (Interruptions) Immediately whoever is there in the Treasury Benches, they must send a message. It cannot be delayed. (Interruptions) The body will decompose. ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI : Any senior Minister can send a message... (Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Please listen to him. ... *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the Government has been replying this matter for the last three days, but no satisfactory solution has been there. What you are doing while sitting in Delhi? (Interruptions).

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Finance Minister is intervening.

... *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Will you please listen to him.

... *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please listen to him.

[Translation]

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir people are neither found at Jammu nor at Srinagar. This is the position. Some such arrangements may be made that information about missing persons could be available.

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Sir, quite a number of people from my area went there. No information is available about them. I am getting phone calls and fax messages from where we round find. ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Why do you not listen to him? This is not good. ... *(Interruptions)*

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Let Shri Chatterjee give me his name. I will send a message. I will pass on the name to the Ministry of Home Affairs to send a wireless message or STD message to see that the body is despatched quickly. You just give me the name. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : It is not one case.

... *(Interrputions)*

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : You better call the hon. Home Minister.

... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I am conveying it to the hon. Home Minister.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : All right.

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : I am conveying, what you said, to the hon. Home Minister.

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Sir, we were assured that Control Rooms will be set up.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : The Home Minister will be here now. I am conveying what you said to the Home Minister. Then, he will respond. I am conveying what you said to the Home Minister. Then, he will respond. I am conveying what you said to the Home Minister. I am in this House for Question Hour. I can at best convey it to Home Minister. He will be here now. You tell me what else I can do?

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : 13 Buses from Farrukhabad are missing. Phones are continuously being received there. ..*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH : We have questions hour every day. Thousands of people held up at there and the attitude of the Govt. is such that Home Minister has no time. There are no arrangements for those who are dying there. You are doing arrangements to bring dead bodies from there, but no arrangements are being made for those who are alive and held up. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : It is a question of one hour only. Reply will come after one hour.

...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I am conveying it to the Home Minister. The Home Minister will be there. He will respond. I will appeal to the hon. Members to please sit down. I am here for Question Hour, I will convey it to the Home Minister. I will convey what they said. Let them resume their seats. Let us get on with the Question Hour.
... *(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : This government is deliberately showing callousness... *(Interruptions)*. The Government is sleeping... *(Interruptions)*. It appears that the Govt. has no arrangements... *(Interruptions)*. Everything has been left to the Governor. The central Govt. is embroiled in its own affairs. It has no concern for the public of the country. *(Interruptions)* What happened in Haridwar... *(Interruptions)*. What happened in Amarnath Yatra... *(Interrputions)*. Incidents are happening continuously one after the other. Innocent people are being murdered. ...*(Interruptions)*

[English]

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : Sir, I have just conveyed the message to the Home Minister. He will be here shortly.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Please sit down.

...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : We are in Parliament House. We are getting telephone calls from our constituencies. We are not getting any information.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : Shri Acharia, please sit down. Will you allow me to say a few words? Please allow me to speak.

[Translation]

Home Minister will arrive after a while and we will discuss this matter after 12.00 p.m.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM : I have sent the message.